



Freezeout Road #4230

Access and Road Reconstruction Update

Visitor Access

Emergency repairs to Forest Road 4230 along Freezeout Creek in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area began in the summer of 2010. However, the road remains closed to motor-vehicle use until all repair work is completed. Visitors can still access the Freezeout Trailhead by parking along the Imnaha River on County Road 727, and either walking or horseback riding up the road.

Reconstruction Work

The first phase of the repair project constructed began within days of the event and provided temporary access for private land owners along Freezeout Creek. This work included restoring stream flows through culverts, and repairing roadbeds and surfaces.

The repaired sections of the road are temporary measures to allow access for private land owners. Additional work is planned for this summer after the spring run-off.

Flood Damage

In June 2010 heavy rainfall in northeastern Oregon caused flooding in many areas resulting in damage to roads, trails and other recreation sites on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

The Freezeout Road was severely impacted by the flooding and damaged large sections of road. As a result access to private lands and National Forest Lands from Freezeout Trailhead is limited. To protect visitor safety, the road was closed by a Forest Order on June 23, 2010 to all motor vehicle use.



June 2010 - Major sections of road damaged



June 2010 – Access to private land impacted



June 2010 – Temporary access restored for private land owners



June 2010 – Initial drainage and road repairs